

THE NAMES OF THE DAYS OF THE WEEK IN THE SUDETEN GERMAN DIALECTS

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The terms for the days of the week in the Sudeten lands reveal numerous synonyms and word variants that can be traced back primarily to the mediaval settlement of this area by a number of different peoples. In this process the dialects experienced a more rapid process of mutual assimilation in the lowlands than in the isolated mountain regions.

Emerging industrialization in the last century also effected dialectal assimilation. Thus until 1945 there existed in the Sudeten lands, on the one hand, self-contained linguistic areas such as the Egerland, the Bohemian Forest, and southern Moravia and, on the other, such highly industrialized regions as northern Bohemia, where remnants of older dialects competed with occupational jargon and colloquial speech.